# Upper Murray Community Recovery

Weekly Recovery Update - 29 October 2020

# Game, set, match for Cudgewa courts

There's been a whole lot of grant writing going on over the past months and the results are beginning to flow.

Cudgewa Tennis Club, with the help of Cudgewa Local Area Recovery Officer (LARO) Tony Irwin, has secured a \$185,000 joint State/Federal Government Local Economy Recovery Grant.

Two of the four courts will be upgraded, including lighting, to allow night tennis to be played for the first time, as well as reinstating the Saturday morning competition.

It's hoped work will start before Christmas. Tennis coach Kate Fair is excited to restart coaching, but for Vice President, Tracey Fair, it is a chance to get people out together again and laughing.

Image (right): *Tracey Fair and Tony Jarvis at Cudgewa Tennis Courts*.



# CRC's - what does it mean for you?

Data flowing into the Upper Murray Recovery Hub and the Australian Red Cross indicates there is still some confusion around Community Recovery Committees (CRCs).

What are they all about, who can join, what is their purpose and where do you go if you have a great idea? Towong Shire differs from East Gippsland and Alpine Shires, which have one CRC to guide their recovery. Towong Shire Council adopted a model which allows each of the small

towns and valleys to guide their own recovery priorities.

The Upper Murray CRC, which includes representatives of individual CRCs, considers entire region priorities, eg telecommunications and tourism, and includes crossborder communities.

CRCs are now established in Corryong, Thowgla, Towong, Cudgewa, Lucyvale/Berringama, Biggara, Tintaldra, Walwa and surrounds, Nariel Valley and the Peninsula.

Right now, the primary role of a CRC is to consult as extensively as possible within their areas to determine ideas and priorities to move towards a safer, more resilient and liveable community into the future.

Each CRC is supported by a Local Area Recovery Officer, (LARO) who is employed by Towong Shire Council and funded by Bushfire Recovery Victoria. Both organisations work together to provide whatever assistance may be necessary, as determined by the CRCs themselves.

If you would like more information or to find out who your LARO or CRC Chairperson is, contact Keryn at the Recovery Hub on 1800 518 222.

## **Recovery Calendar**

### **Community Recovery Meetings**

- Cudgewa Tuesday November 3 at 7pm, Cudgewa Football Club
- Walwa Wednesday November 4 at 6pm, Walwa Gold Club
- Nariel Valley Thursday November 5 at 5.30pm, CFA Shed
- Tintaldra Thursday November 5 at 7.30pm, Tintaldra Hotel

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